

IN THE CLAIMS

Pending claims: 1-17 and 23-25.

Canceled claims: 18-22.

Amended claims: 1, 8, 9, 13, 16, and 17.

New claims: 23-25.

1. **(Currently Amended)** An apparatus for protecting and retaining a wire, the apparatus comprising:

a molded body forming a passage adapted to receive the wire and retain the wire between the molded body and a mounting structure, the molded body being a single-piece body and being sufficiently strong to contact the wire and retain the wire in a desired position;

at least three substantially axially parallel apertures through the single-piece molded body wherein at least one aperture is positioned on an opposite side of the passage from at least two apertures; and

at least one fastener adapted to mount the molded body to the mounting structure, wherein the molded body is adapted to prevent the at least one fastener from abutting the wire.

2. **(Original)** The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the molded body has only one aperture therethrough positioned on an opposite side of the passage from at least two apertures through the molded body.

3. **(Original)** The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the at least one fastener is integrated within the molded body and extends outward therefrom.

4. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein at least one pair of apertures positioned on opposite sides of the passage are sized to accommodate the at least one fastener, the at least one fastener being of a standardized size.

5. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the at least one fastener is at least one staple.

6. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising identifying indicia.

7. (Original) The apparatus of claim 6, wherein the identifying indicia comprises information relating to the at least one fastener, wherein the at least one fastener is a standardized size.

8. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising at least one of protruding grips and grooves positioned on outer edges of the molded body.

9. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for protecting and retaining a wire, the apparatus comprising:

a first foot portion having at least one aperture therethrough;

a second foot portion having at least two apertures therethrough;

an interconnecting portion connecting the first foot portion to the second foot portion wherein the first foot portion, the second foot portion and the interconnecting portion

form a passage beneath the interconnecting portion and between the first foot portion and the second foot portion adapted to receive the wire and retain the wire between the interconnecting portion and a mounting structure;

at least three apertures through the interconnecting portion substantially axially parallel ~~corresponding~~ to and aligned with the apertures of the first and second foot portions; and

at least one fastener adapted to mount the apparatus to the mounting structure, wherein the apparatus is adapted to prevent the at least one fastener from abutting the wire.

10. (Original) The apparatus of claim 9, wherein the first foot portion has only one aperture therethrough.

11. (Original) The apparatus of claim 9, wherein the first foot portion, the second foot portion and the interconnecting portion form a single body.

12. (Original) The apparatus of claim 11, wherein the at least one fastener is integrated within the single body and extends outward therefrom.

13. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 11, further comprising at least one of protruding grips and grooves positioned on outer edges of the single body.

14. (Original) The apparatus of claim 10, wherein at least one pair of apertures from the first and second foot portions is sized to accommodate the at least one fastener, the at least one fastener being of a standardized size.

15. (Original) The apparatus of claim 10, further comprising identifying indicia.

16. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for protecting and retaining a wire, the apparatus comprising:

a first foot portion having at least one aperture therethrough;

a second foot portion having at least two apertures therethrough;

an interconnecting portion connecting the first foot portion to the second foot portion wherein the first foot portion, the second foot portion and the interconnecting portion form a passage beneath the interconnecting portion and between the first foot portion and the second foot portion adapted to receive the wire and retain the wire between the interconnecting portion and a mounting structure;

at least three apertures through the interconnecting portion corresponding to and aligned with the apertures of the first and second foot portions, wherein the first foot portion has only one aperture therethrough;

at least one fastener adapted to mount the apparatus to the mounting structure, wherein the apparatus is adapted to prevent the at least one fastener from abutting the wire; and

identifying indicia comprising ~~The apparatus of claim 15, wherein the identifying indicia comprises information relating to the at least one fastener, wherein the at least one fastener is a standardized size.~~

17. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for protecting and retaining a wire, the apparatus comprising:

a first foot portion having at least one aperture therethrough;
a second foot portion having at least two apertures therethrough;
an interconnecting portion connecting the first foot portion to the second foot portion wherein the first foot portion, the second foot portion and the interconnecting portion form a passage beneath the interconnecting portion and between the first foot portion and the second foot portion adapted to receive the wire and retain the wire between the interconnecting portion and a mounting structure;
at least three apertures through the interconnecting portion corresponding to and aligned with the apertures of the first and second foot portions, wherein the first foot portion has only one aperture therethrough; and
at least one fastener adapted to mount the apparatus to the mounting structure,
wherein the apparatus is adapted to prevent the at least one fastener from abutting the wire, and ~~The apparatus of claim 10,~~
wherein the at least one fastener is at least one staple.

18-22. (Canceled).

23. (New) The apparatus of claim 17, wherein the first foot portion, the second foot portion and the interconnecting portion form a single body.

24. (New) The apparatus of claim 17, wherein the at least one fastener is integrated within the single body and extends outward therefrom.

25. (New) The apparatus of claim 17, further comprising at least one of protruding grips and grooves positioned on outer edges of the single body.